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The argument that the night schools should be closed because they are being attended principally by Asiatics is wrong in theory and wrong in fact. In the United States and in all fully up-to-date countries no discrimination is made in the matter of education between classes, races or colors. It has been found by experience in enlightened communities that free education is the best kind of an investment. There may be good "hewers of wood and drawers of water" that are not educated, but the community receives the benefit of the intelligence they may gain by training.—Mark P. Robinson.

A vigorous enforcement of the curfew law would have a good and wholesome effect at this time.

Judge Perry to the contrary notwithstanding, the grand jury will continue to occupy comfortable quarters while it is in session.

The editor of the Hilo Herald would do well to read the report of Special Agent Olmstead on Wilei. It was published in The Republican of Sept. 1.

Honolulu cannot afford to have regatta day thrown into disrepute by a repetition next year of such scenes as were witnessed on the judges' barge last Saturday.

Before another regatta day there must be a reformation in the manner of selecting judges and in the use of liquor on the judges' barge. Men who have money bet on results and indulge in drinking from early morning until the races are finished are not proper men to act as judges in any sporting event.

The great increase of hoodlumism and lawlessness in various parts of the city within the past two months is the best possible argument for the reopening of the night schools. There are many boys on the streets now who formerly were in the night schools, and, being on the streets, it is but a repetition of Satan finding mischief for idle hands to do. Reopen the night schools.

The argument that education spoils the Asiatic seems to me quite absurd, as well as un-American and partaking of the principle of slavery. A little mental insight is certain to awaken more interest in the Asiatic's labor, whatever it be, and who shall deny that education is going to do anything other than teach a man of any race the better how to do his work?—Miss Spaulding.

The transition period Supreme Judges are receiving hard blows indeed. First their transition decision is knocked in the head by United States Judge Bates and a grand jury is in session to return indictments against the men whom the Supreme Court held had been legally convicted and now to add insult to injury this same grand jury is sitting in Justice Frear's chambers. What next?

PROPOSED PACIFIC CABLE.

Writing about the proposed American cable across the Pacific, Consul General Rublee of Hongkong says: "In connection with the proposed construction of a cable from the United States to Manila and its eventual connection with Hongkong, I have to report that the business community of Hongkong takes a keen interest in obtaining additional cable facilities. The excessive rates charged by the present cable companies have been a source of long-continued dissatisfaction, and an American cable company that would be the means of reducing rates would be extremely popular in the Orient, and should receive a large share of local patronage. The present cable tariff between the United States and Hongkong is from \$1.55 to \$1.75 (United States currency) per word. It is reported that an American cable company would establish a rate not exceeding \$1 a word. Such a reduction would be a great boon to the business men in the Orient. The chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce last month, at my suggestion, brought the matter before the committee of

the chamber, and this representative institution endorsed the project, expressing the opinion that the increased facilities afforded by reduced tariff rates would lead to a very considerable expansion of trade between the Far East and Western countries."

STREET CAR PATRONAGE.

The statement of Superintendent Ballentyne that the average patronage of the cars here is better than the best days on the Market-street line of San Francisco will seem astonishing to many people. That a short line in this city of 40,000 inhabitants should have a larger daily travel than the main line in a city of 300,000 inhabitants appears most remarkable. And yet there is no reason why it should not be so. San Francisco has a cool, bracing climate, and hundreds of people, even among the well-to-do, walk back and forth to their business, a distance of several miles. In the enervating climate of Honolulu no one cares to walk. Not only that, but people have accustomed themselves to riding here whether they might walk or not, until walking is sort of tabooed. The new electric line affords a cheap and rapid method of transportation, and is most eagerly taken advantage of by all classes. That such patronage is permanent is now assured. It only goes to prove the claims, as to the patronage of an electric line in this city, made by Manager Ballentyne when trying to organize the company. In reply to a question at that time as to the number of passengers he expected the lines of the entire system to carry, Mr. Ballentyne said 6,000,000 a year. This was considered ridiculous at the time, but the opening of the first road of the new lines shows that the estimate of 6,000,000 will fall far below the number that will be carried per annum when all the lines are completed. There certainly ought to be a lesson in this for the management of the Tramways Company, which refused to afford the people improved street-car service when it could have done so and maintained a monopoly of the street-carrying business of the city.

The moral influence and the effect of refined associations of the night school cannot be overestimated. Were it not for the schools of the city it is not for the schools in the evenings, and lead their thoughts in more wholesome directions. I am sure they would be very bad citizens somewhere else, creating disturbances, increasing crime, and lowering the general moral tone of the city.—Miss Whitman.

LOSING ITS AUTOCRATIC POWER.

The conflict over the use of the room in the court house occupied by Chief Justice Frear affords another striking example of the beauties of centralized government as exercised under the Oligarchy. The court house is essentially for the use of the circuit courts, the courts of record for the people. The supreme court being an appellate body does not hold practically continuous sessions as do the lower courts. Notwithstanding this the control of the court house was placed by an old statute in the hands of the supreme court. The supreme court, until the last legislative met, even controlled the appointment of bailiffs and clerks for the judges of the circuit court. With the supreme court only meeting twice a year there is little, if any, reason why the judges thereof should monopolize all the best rooms in the court house for their private use, and particularly so now when the increase of business calls for more room for the circuit courts. The sessions of the supreme court ought to be held in the capitol building, as they are in all the other States and Territories, the old throne room affording excellent quarters for its sessions. This would leave the court house for the purposes for which such buildings are intended—for the transaction of the business of the circuit courts.

Judge Perry's attitude yesterday in tearing down the notice of Assistant Attorney General Davis and ordering Bailiff McGurn to take possession of the room was childish and uncreditable to a man occupying his high position.

ANTI-MALARIAL WORK.

The report of Dr. Doty, Health Officer of Concord, Staten Island, on malaria and mosquitoes within his district, shows that mosquitoes are abundant there, and 30 per cent of the people of Concord suffer from acute or chronic malaria. "In almost every house or yard," he says, "were found typical breeding places for mosquitoes, either in the shape of used or unused rain barrels, cisterns, cesspools or abandoned receptacles thrown about the premises. Samples of water from these, as well as all stagnant pools, were examined, and the larvae found. In some instances, particularly in receptacles about the house, the water was actually alive with them. Of 27 mosquitoes taken from a bedroom, more than one-half were malarial insects. Examination of a drop of blood

from a child afflicted with malaria disclosed the parasite." Many alleged agents for the destruction of the larvae of mosquitoes were tried, with the result of showing that petroleum was almost the only prompt and practical remedy, 20 drops in a gallon of water killing all larvae in four hours. The stagnant pools around Concord were treated with petroleum, to the great relief of the residents. Dr. Doty finds that mosquitoes prefer to remain close to their breeding places, where they take shelter during the day in the weeds and long grass. The remedy must be drainage of stagnant pools and other breeding places, conducted by officers under a system of co-operation of municipal, and State authorities.

Wherever and however the school system in these islands can be extended, I believe it should be done. The day schools are established for the children, and they are fulfilling the purpose satisfactorily and acceptably. The night schools were planned for the benefit of adults, and those taxpayers who furnish the largest income to educational funds should certainly receive the benefit of some of the proceeds.—The Rev. W. D. Westervelt.

The Hawaii Herald seems to think that it would be impossible to obtain proof of any corruption by members of the Dole administration. If the Herald would only take the trouble to investigate the workings of the office of the Sheriff of Hawaii it would find plenty of evidence of corruption. A prominent resident of Hilo, Mr. A. B. Loebenstein, openly charged Sheriff Andrews of corruption in an interview in The Republican last December but the Sheriff failed to call Mr. Loebenstein to account. The Herald would find such interesting things as extra charges for licenses made in the Sheriff's office in Hawaii the extra amount never being accounted for to the government. If it would only take the trouble to investigate. But then probably the Herald does not consider the siphoning of money from the people in this way by a public official corrupt.

A Chance for Natural Expansion.

From the New York World.
The disappointing showing of the Canadian census has again called public attention on both sides of the line to the contrast between the Dominion and the Republic, and the reasons for it. The population of the whole Dominion, as shown by the census, is only 5,338,883. This is an increase of but 505,644 in ten years, or 9.4 per cent. The population of the United States increased more than 3,000,000 in the same decade, or 21 per cent. The growth in wealth and in all wealth-producing industries was proportionately in excess in the States. What is the reason? The soil, climate and natural resources of Canada are almost identical with our vast Northwest territory. It is not a country where, as General Macdonald says of the Philippines, "the white man can do physical labor." It is a part, and a very rich part, of the same continent we live on. Why, then, does Canada not prosper and grow? Why does she get so little of the great flood of immigration to America? Why do so many of her own people come "over the border" into New England or New York to work? Is it, as a Western paper suggests, because of "the all-time of an obsolete form of government?"

But It Was Not "Bogus."

From the Philadelphia Press.
A dispatch from San Francisco relating to certain custom house regulations as to Asiatics, which was sent over the country, speaks of the "bogus plague scare" of a year and more ago. Now it might as well be set down now that there was no "bogus plague" scare in San Francisco, engineered by Dr. Kinyoun of the United States Marine Hospital Service, or by anyone else. As a report of the special commission of experts, dated February 26, 1901, shows, there was actual plague in San Francisco from the spring of 1900 to the spring of 1901 and the later, and the attempt of the San Francisco authorities to deny its existence was and is little short of criminal. Doubtless the city suffered but it ought to suffer if it allows disease-breeding conditions to exist and no amount of abuse of the Marine Hospital Service or misrepresentation will change the facts of the case. The only thing bogus in San Francisco in connection with the plague scare was the local medical evidence secured to prove that the plague was not the plague.

A Remarkable Comparison.

From the Army and Navy Journal.
It is interesting to note that the march of Absalom when he led his great army across the Jordan against his royal father was through the "wood of Ephraim," a wild tract near the mountains of Gilead, resembling in its physical features the Virginia "Wilderness" where Grant and Lee tried conclusions. The position held by David was like that of Lee on the Rapidan and Absalom in the plain through the "wood of Ephraim" anticipated by nearly three thousand years Grant's movements of May 5 and 6, 1862. The strategy of Josiah, who commanded the hosts of David, was precisely that of Lee, he hurling three strong columns on Absalom's line of march. Thus does history repeat itself and give proof of the enduring character of the principles of military strategy.

Loyalty Made Him.

From the Chicago Journal.
During the late residence of the Austrian Emperor at Budapest, his attention was attracted to a small boy who always awaited the royal carriage at a particular spot in the Albrecht road and enthusiastically waved his cap as it passed him. The Emperor became so accustomed to the fervent loyalty of his little subject that he always looked for him at the same spot. It happened one day that the police formed a cordon down the street and the boy was backed into the crowd. The Emperor noticed his absence, and even looked up to the windows

of the house above in the hope of seeing him, but in vain. The next day a royal equipage stopped at this house and an official inquired of his mother, the pensioned widow of an officer, as to the child's whereabouts and was evidently gratified to hear that no evil had befallen him. The boy is now a pupil in a distinguished government academy at Vienna.

Hackett and the Correspondents.

From the Boston Herald.
A Washington dispatch states that the Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Hackett, has issued an order providing that hereafter all doors leading to his office shall be locked, and asserting that he will not see any newspaper men during office hours; that whenever any information is to be made public one copy will be put on a locked bulletin, and beyond that nothing whatever shall be given out. In reply to a number of correspondents who called on Mr. Hackett in a body to protest against the order, he said: "I have been so severely criticised by the Washington correspondents that I determined to issue the order referred to, and it shall be adhered to. All newspaper men will treat me accordingly." This is another one of those attempts with which all Washington correspondents are familiar, to make a personal matter out of the public matter of the gathering and publication of news, in which work the correspondents at Washington are engaged. Such attempts have always resulted in bringing ridicule upon the men who made them, and probably Secretary Long will quickly restore the previous pleasant relations between the navy department and the correspondents when he gets back to his desk. The men who gather the news in Washington will do it in their own way, and not as Mr. Hackett may direct. The system is too well established to be overturned by Mr. Hackett.

AMUSEMENTS.

The bill at the Opera House tonight will be a vaudeville entertainment by the entire strength of the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company. On Saturday evening, September 28th, "The Belle of New York" will be produced. The management has decided to give the little ones a treat again next Saturday afternoon by giving a matinee of "The Belle of New York." Children will be admitted to all parts of the theater at half price. Doors open at 1:30, performance to commence at 2 sharp.

Bismark Stables Sold.
The old established stables and livery business formerly owned by William Goodness, deceased, was sold Friday at public auction to William Henning of Lahaina for \$3,075.00.

Came Near Being a Cripple.
Josh Westhafer, of Loogootee, Ind., U. S. A., is a poor man, but he says he would not be without Chamberlain's Pain Balm if it cost five dollars a bottle, for it saved him from being a cripple. No external application is equal to this liniment for stiff and swollen joints, contracted muscles, stiff neck, sprains and rheumatic and muscular pains. It has also cured numerous cases of partial paralysis. It is for sale by all druggists and dealers. BENSON, SMITH & CO., Agents for Hawaii.

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